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SUBJ: KOREA AT 32ND UNGA -- CORE GROUP MEETING, JUNE 16

REF: A. USUN 1940; B. USUN 1858; C. SEOUL 4782; D. SEOUL 4974;  
E. STATE 130459; F. STATE 139268 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: ALL CORE GROUP MEMBERS WERE REPRESENTED AT  
CORE GROUP MEETING JUNE 16 IN BELGIAN MISSION. GROUP, ON  
BASIS MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, CONCLUDED THAT DPRK  
AS YET PROBABLY UNDECIDED AS TO COURSE TO STEER AT 32ND  
UNGA. IN THIS CONNECTION, GROUP DETERMINED THAT COMPOSITION  
OF GENERAL COMMITTEE WAS EVOLVING FAVORABLY AND THIS COULD  
DAMPEN DPRK INTEREST IN SEEKING DEBATE AT 32ND UNGA.

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ADDITIONALLY, GROUP DECIDED THAT 1976 PRO-ROK DRAFT RESOLU-  
TION SHOULD SERVE AS A BASIC CONTINGENCY TEXT SUBJECT TO  
UPDATING SHOULD A PRO-DPRK RESOLUTION BE TABLED THIS SUMMER.  
GROUP HEARD US BRIEFING (ALREADY DELIVERED AT CORE GROUP  
CAPITALS) ON US GROUND-FORCE WITHDRAWAL. GROUP LEFT  
SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS TO JUDGMENT OF ROK CHAIRMAN.  
TONE OF MEETING WAS EXCELLENT. GIVEN EVIDENCE OF DPRK

UNCERTAINTY AS TO COURSE TO FOLLOW, GROUP SUPPORTED NEED TO AVOID ACTIVITY SUCH AS DRAWING UP AND CIRCULATION IN CAPITALS AND AMONG CORE GROUP MEMBERS OF NEW TEXTS FOR A FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WHICH MIGHT LEAK TO OTHER SIDE AND THEREBY STIMULATE UNHELPFUL REACTION. SUMMARY REPORT OF MEETING IN REF. A. END SUMMARY.

2. DPRK INTENTIONS -

TO OPEN MEETING, ROK CHAIRMAN SAID HE HAD WANTED TO BRING GROUP TOGETHER IN PARTICULAR TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON DPRK INTENTIONS BEFORE SOME OF CORE GROUP REGULARS DEPARTED ON VACATION. DETAILS OF INFORMATION EXCHANGED ON INDICATIONS OF DPRK INTENTIONS FOLLOW:

(A) CANADA, SPEAKING NEXT, REPORTED ARGENTINA'S BREAK OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA. CANADIAN REPORT JIBED WITH THAT IN REF B. CANADA SAID THAT ARGENTINE HAD BROKEN OFF RELATIONS WITH DPRK IN WAKE OF HASTY, EARLY-JUNE DEPARTURE FROM BUENOS AIRES OF DPRK EMBASSY STAFF. CANADA NOTED NUMEROUS DPRK BILLS REPORTEDLY LEFT UNPAID. ROK ADDED THAT DPRK EMBASSY HAD CAUGHT FIRE ON MAY 11. SUBSEQUENTLY, THERE HAD BEEN CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DPRK EMBASSY AND LANDLORD CONCERNING COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES AND RENT DUE. ACCORDING TO ROK, DPRK EMBASSY ON DEPARTURE LEFT NOTE WITH A "PRO-NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY" FOR DELIVERY TO ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT (GOA). NOTE REPORTEDLY PROTESTED GOA SURVEILLANCE AND HARRASSMENT  
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AND BLAMED GOA FOR FIRE AND ATTENDANT DIFFICULTIES. CORE GROUP DREW CONCLUSION THAT RECENT DPEK RUPTURES WITH MAURITANIA AND ARGENTINA COULD HELP DISCOURAGE HOSTILE DPRK ACTIVITY AT FORTHCOMING UNGA.

(B) CANADA, AFTER EMPHASIZING SENSITIVITY OF SOURCING, PRESENTED REPORT WHICH CANADA'S AMBASSADOR AT GEORGETOWN HAD OBTAINED FROM ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY SERIWAR OF GUYANA'S FOREIGN MINISTRY REGARDING SERIWAR'S IMPRESSIONS GAINED DURING PARTICIPATION IN APRIL 30 - MAY 4, 1977 VISIT OF GUYANA'S PRESIDENT CHUNG TO NORTH KOREA. CANADA'S AMBASSADOR AT GEORGETOWN DESCRIBED SERIWAR AS A "HIGHLY INTELLIGENT AND ACUTE POLITICAL OBSERVER". SERIWAR'S REPORTED IMPRESSIONS FOLLOW: (I) SERIWAR BELIEVED THAT DPRK OFFICIALS HAD WORKED OUT NO REPEAT NO APPARENT STRATEGY FOR 32ND UNGA, AND ALTHOUGH NOT FIRM, SEEMED CONTENT TO AVOID DEBATE; (II) SERIWAR NOTED THAT DPRK OFFICIALS WERE ACUTELY DISAPPOINTED BY APPARENT US DECISION TO BACK DOWN FROM "COMPLETE" TROOP WITHDRAWAL "AS HAD BEEN STATED EARLIER BY PRESIDENT CARTER". DPRK OFFICIALS FELT THIS WOULD PREVENT ANY EARLY "WAR OF LIBERATION" IN SOUTH; (III) SERIWAR LEFT PYONGYANG FIRMLY BELIEVING THAT, WHILE DPRK DID NOT WANT TO RISK WAR WITH US, COMPLETE US FORCE WITHDRAWAL WOULD LEAD TO MASSIVE AND

SUCCESSFUL INVASION OF ROK. SERIWAR HAD FOUND DPRK OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE HAD DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT TO HAVE HAD AN "ALMOST MESSIANIC OBSESSION" WITH COMPLETE "LIBERATION" OF ROK. ADDITIONALLY, SERIWAR TOLD CANADA'S AMBASSADOR THAT GEORGETOWN HAD DECLINED PYONGYAN'S OFFERS OF INCREASED AID SO THAT GUYANA WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE ITS RELATIONS WITH US.

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(C) UK REPORTED COMMENT OF CHINA'S PERMREP CHEN CHU THAT IN EARLY MAY THERE HAD BEEN NO WORD IN PEKING ABOUT KOREAN QUESTION AT 32ND UNGA. (PARA 3B, REF B.)  
(D) ROK SAID ROK AMBASSADORS HAD BEEN ALERTED IN MID-MAY TO BE ON LOOKOUT FOR DPRK LOBBYING APPROACHES IN NON-ALIGNED CAPITALS AND ALSO TO EMPHASIZE POINT THAT SEOUL DID NOT WANT UNGA DEBATE. ROK AMBASSADORS HAD NOT REPORTED ANY DPRK LOBBYING ACTIVITY. FURTHERMORE, ROK INQUIRIES WITH HOT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN KUWAIT AND ZAIRE REVEALED NOTHING AS TO DPRK INTENTIONS. ROK ADDED THAT DPRK OFFICIAL HAD APPROACHED MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR AT PHILIPPINE NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION AND SAID THAT PYONGYAND HAD NOT ISSUED

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING KOREA AT NEXT UNGA, BUT THAT NORTH  
KOREAN WAS WATCHING CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S PLANS ON TROOP  
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WITHDRAWAL. ROK SAID IT COULD REPORT NO ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT  
NORTH KOREAN TRAVEL EXCEPT WORD FROM RANGOON THAT NORTH KOREA  
PLANNING "HIGH-LEVEL" DELEGATION TO BURMA AND ASEAN COUNTRIES  
IN JULY.

(E) US SAID US DELEGATION AT MAPUTO HAD OBSERVED NO  
SIGNIFICANT NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITY. ROK REPORTED SIMILAR  
FINDING BY ITS DELEGATION IN MAPUTO. WITHOUT REVEALING  
SOURCES, US INFORMED CORE GROUP OF NORTH KOREAN INTEREST  
IN US-CORE GROUP INTENTIONS AS REPORTED PARA 3E, REF B.

US UPDATED THIS REPORT THAT, AS OF JUNE 16, THERE HAD BEEN  
NO FURTHER APPROACH TO OUR SOURCE IN THIS REGARD. US ALSO  
NOTED THAT SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIAN REPS IN NEW YORK HAD  
BEEN UNAWARE OF NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITY REGARDING KOREAN  
QUESTION AT 32ND UNGA.

E. COMPOSITION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE AT 32ND UNGA (25  
MEMBERS: PRESIDENT OF UNGA (TRADITIONALLY NON-VOTING),  
17 VICE PRESIDENTS OF UNGA, AND 7 CHAIRMEN OF MAIN  
COMMITTEES OF UNGA) -- IN ADDITION TO THE VICE PRESIDENCIES  
ENJOYED BY THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL,  
CORE GROUP NOTED FOLLOWING CANDIDATES FOR GENERAL COMMITTEE  
SEATS:

(A) ASIA (3 VICE PRESIDENCIES) - INDONESIA, SOUTH YEMEN,  
JORDAN, FIJI AND CYPRUS; (2 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN) - IRAN (5TH),  
FORMALLY ENDORSED BY ASIAN REGIONAL GROUP, PHILIPPINES (3RD),  
SYRIA (4TH), MONGOLIA (3RD);

(B) AFRICA (4 VICE PRESIDENCIES) - SIERRE LEONE, GABON,  
LESOTHO AND MADAGASCAR, ALL FORMALLY ENDORSED BY AFRICAN  
REGIONAL GROUP; (1 CHAIRMAN) - GHANA (1ST) AND UGANDA (2ND);

(C) LATIN AMERICA (3 VICE PRESIDENCIES) - ECUADOR, PERU  
AND VENEZUELA; (2 CHAIRMEN) - NO CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED;

(D) WESTERNEUROPE AND OTHERS (2 VICE PRESIDENCEIS) -  
NETHERLANDS, DENMARK, AND FINLAND, WITH LATTER REPORTED LIKELY  
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TO WITHDRAW; (1 CHAIRMAN) - NO CANDIDATE ANNOUNCED;

(E) EASTERN EUROPE (1 PRESIDENCY) - YUGOSLAVIA, FORMALLY  
ENDORSED BY EASTERN EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP; (1 CHAIRMAN) -  
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ON BASIS OF THESE CANDIDACIES, CORE GROUP ESTIMATED SOME  
13 OR 14 VOTES FAVORABLE TO FRIENDLY SIDE (2 ASIAN, 2

AFRICAN, 3 OR 4 LATIN AMERICAN, 3 WEO, PLUS US, UK, AND FRANCE). GRUP THUS CONCLUDED THAT COMPOSITION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE WAS EVOLVING FAVORABLY AND THAT THIS COULD HELP DAMPEN NORTH KOREAN INTEREST IN SEEKING DEBATE AT 32ND UNGA.

#### 4. PROMOTION OF ROK RELATIONS

ROK SUMMARIZED SEOUL'S ACTIONS TO PROMOTE ROK RELATIONS:

- (A) ROK PRIME MINISTER CHOE RECENTLY VISITED SAUDI ARABIA, TURKEY, AND IRAN. CHOE GOT SAUDI ASSURANCES TO HELP ROK TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH "RADICAL" ARABS.
- (B) ROK HAD EXTENDED INVITATIONS FOR VISITS TO PERMREPS OF ZAIRE (WILL VISIT ROK IN JULY), NIGER AND ZAMBIA. LATTER TWO EXPECTED TO VISIT BEFORE UNGA. IN CASE OF ZAMBIA, ROK ALSO TRYING TO INVITE DA SPECIAL MSSION.
- (C) FIJI'S PRIME MINISTER WAS TO HAVE VISITED SEOUL IN JUNE, BUT ELECTIONS IN FIJI OBLIGED CANCELLATION.
- (D) FOLLOWING DPRK-MAURITANIA BREAK, ROK MOVING FORWARD ON JOINING FISHING ARRANGEMENT WITH MAURITANIA.
- (E) ROK HAD ESTABLISHED EMBASSY IN KHARTOUM FOLLOWING ELEVATION OF RELATIONS WITH SUDAN TO FULL DIPLOMATIC LEVEL.
- (F) AS REPORTED REF. B, ROK SEEKING A RELATIONSHIP WITH MOZAMBIQUE.

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5. DPRK ACTIVITIES -

(A) ACCORDING ROK, DPRK HAS SENT DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL TO CENTRAL AFRICAL EMPIRE AND ETHIOPIA TO ESTABLISH RESIDENT EMBASSIES. ADDITIONALLY, ROK REPORTED DPRK SENDING EMIS-SARIES TO NIGER TO NEGOTIATE FOR ESTABLISHMENT THERE OF A RESIDENT EMBASSY.

(B) ROK REPORTED DPRK STILL PRESSING SURINAM TO AC-CEPT DPRK DELEGATION FROM CUBA TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

6. THIRD COUNTRY ATTITUDES -

(A) SEYCHELLES: ROK SAID IT HAD NO INFORMATION AS TO WHAT EFFECT JUNE 5 SEYCHELLES COUP MIGHT HAVE HAD ON SEYCHELLES-DPRK RELATIONS. ROK SAID DPRK CREDENTIALS PRESENTED IN VICTORIA ON MAY 14.

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(B) GABON: ROK BELIEVED THAT, ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT BONGO HAD VISITED NORTH KOREAN RECENTLY, GABON HAD NOT DROPPED ITS SUPPORT OF ROK.

(C) CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE (CAE): ROK DID NOT BELIEVE THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF DPRK-CAE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAD ENDED EMPEROR BOKASSA'S SUPPORT FOR ROK.

(D) BARBADOS: ROK CONCERNED OVER BARBADOS'S TURN DOWN OF ROK AID PLEDGES. ROK WONDERED IF ESTABLISHMENT OF BARBADOS-PRC RELATIONS MIGHT HAVE LED TO SHIFT IN BARBADOS' POSTURE TOWARD ROK. WHEN ROK ASKED IF US COULD SHED LIGHT ON THIS, US AGREED TO CHECK TO SEE IF THERE WAS INFORMATION IN THIS REGARD.

(E) ACCORDING ROK, SURINAM HAD NOT YIELDED TO DPRK PRESSURES REPORTED IN PARA 6 ABOVE TO ACCEPT DPRK DELEGATION FROM CUBA.

(F) ROK SAID ZAIRE SENT AN AMBASSADOR TO NORTH KOREA TO ESTABLISH AN EMBASSY IN PYONGYANG. SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVING IN PYONGYAN, THE AMBASSADOR REPORTED TO KINSHASA THAT HE SAW NO NEED FOR A RESIDENT EMBASSY IN NORTH KOREA. SUBSEQUENTLY HE WAS WITHDRAWN. ADDITIONALLY, ROK REPORTED THAT DPRK MEDICAL AND CONSTRUCTION TECHNICIANS DEPARTED ZAIRE ON MAY 2. AS A RESULT, EMBASSY PERSONNEL ARE THE ONLY DPRK REPRESENTATIVES REMAINING IN ZAIRE. ROK SAID IT WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER THESE WITHDRAWALS BY BOTH SIDES WERE UNILATERAL DECISIONS.

7. CONTINGENCY PLANNING--GROUP DISCUSSED PREPARATION FOR EVENTUALITY THAT A PRO-NORTH KOREAN ITEM MAY BE INSCRIBED IN PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR 32ND UNGA AND HOSTILE DRAFT RESO-

LUTION TABLED. GROUP DECIDED THAT 1976 PRO-ROK RESOLUTION SHOULD SERVE AS A BASIC CONTINGENCY DOCUMENT. IN MEANTIME, CORE GROUP MEMBERS SHOULD REVIEW TEXT INDIVIDUALLY WITH VIEW TO DEVELOPING SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE UPDATING SHOULD  
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SITUATION DEMAND. US STRESSED NEED TO AVOID ACTIVITY SUCH AS DRAWING UP AND CIRCULATION AT CAPITALS AND AMONG CORE GROUP MEMBERS OF NEW TEXTS FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WHICH MIGHT LEAK TO OTHER SIDE AND THEREBY STIMULATE UNHELPFUL REACTION. THERE WAS MUCH SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION AT MEETING. THERE WAS ALSO AGREEMENT WITH ROK OBSERVATION THAT, ON BASIS CURRENT INFORMATION (INCLUDING ADMISSION TO UN OF ANGOLA AND LIKELY ADMISSION OF VIETNAM AND DJIBOUTI), THERE SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN NO DRAMATIC CHANGE IN BALANCE OF VOTING STRENGTH TO ENCOURAGE DPRK TO MOVE FORWARD WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION. ROK REPORTED IT HAD SEOUL'S INSTRUCTIONS NOT REPEAT NOT TO SEEK PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. ROK ALSO NOTED THAT IN ALL PREVIOUS INSTANCES EXCEPT ONE, PRO-DPRK RESOLUTION HAD BEEN TABLED IN AUGUST.

8. US GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWAL - AS AUTHORIZED REF. F US DREW ON REF E. TO BRIEF GROUP ON GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWAL. US EMPHASIZED THAT SAME BRIEFING HAD BEEN GIVEN AT CORE GROUP CAPITALS. BRIEFING CAME AT END OF MEETING, AND THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION. SINCE MEETING, CORE GROUP REPRESENTATIVES HAVE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BRIEFING.

9. COMMENT: TWO-HOUR MEETING WAS MOST BUSINESSLIKE. THERE WAS READY CONSENSUS ON NEED TO REMAIN FULLY ALERT TO DEVELOPMENTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, GROUP LEFT CONVENING OF FUTURE CORE GROUP MEETINGS TO DISCRETION OF ROK CHAIRMAN. FYI. SUBJECT OF INVESTIGATIONS IN US REGARDING ROK ACTIVITIES WAS NOT RAISED AT MEETING. HOWEVER, COSTA RICA AND, ACCORDING TO COSTA RICA, JAPAN HAVE EXPRESSED FEARS PRIVATELY IN NEW YORK THAT INVESTIGATIONS CAN HURT OUR SIDE AT UNGA. MISOFF REPLIED TO COSTA RICA'S MINISTER VARGAS THAT OUR SIDE HAS MUCH GOING FOR IT IN UN CONTEXT SUCH AS GROUND FORCE REDUCTIONS TO COUNTER-BALANCE POSSIBLE ADVERSITY FROM INVESTIGATIONS. MISOFF STRESSED TO VARGAS, IT IMPORTANT THAT CORE GROUP MEMBERS IN PARTICULAR MAINTAIN CALM, CONFIDENT POSTURE AND NOT DISCUSS INVESTIGATIONS IN  
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